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In re application of

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Application No. 10/718,078

Filed: November 20, 2003

For: ILLUMINATED DISPLAY DEVICE

DECISION ON PETITION
TO MAKE SPECIAL

(ACCELERATED

EXAMINATION)

This is in response to the petition filed on November 20, 2003 to make the above-identified application special on the basis of special examining procedure for certain new applications - accelerated examination as set forth in MPEP § 708.02 VIII.

The requirements for granting special status under this section are: (A) a petition to make special accompanied by the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(i); (B) all claims being directed to a single invention, or an election without traverse if the Office determines that all the claims are not directed to a single invention; (C) a statement that a pre-examination search was made listing the field of search; (D) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims if said references are not already of record; and (E) a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over the references in accordance with 37 CFR 1.111 (b) and (c).

The petition fails to adequately meet requirement (E) above. In this regard, the petition does not include a detailed discussion of how the claimed subject matter is patentable over <u>each</u> of the references located in applicant's search, and cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed November 20, 2003.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is **DISMISSED**.

Petitioner is given one more opportunity to perfect the petition. Any request for reconsideration must be filed within TWO MONTHS of the date of this decision. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are permitted.

SUMMARY: Petition to Make Special DISMISSED.

Applicant should promptly submit a renewed petition to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. The envelope should indicate that the correspondence be brought to the attention of Technology Center 3600.

Until the renewed petition is submitted, the application will be returned to the examiner's docket to await treatment on the merits in the normal order of examination.

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